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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The Indiana Health Informatics Corporation (IHIC) strongly supports Purdue University's application to become the Indiana Health Information Technology Extension Center (HITEC) as established by the HITECH Act. IHIC was established prior to the authorization to establish the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We will support the integration of the Purdue led technical extension center with the five operating health information exchange organizations within Indiana and facilitate a seamless transition to the activities of the cooperative program as it is established.

IHIC is a public-private corporation created by the State of Indiana to guide and promote health information exchange in our state. Our corporation was created out of the belief that health information exchange was in the best interest of Indiana citizens in that it supports improvements in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare.

Purdue University has a distinguished record of service in the implementation of complex healthcare delivery and business support for Indiana executed through its Healthcare Technical Assistance Program and the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering. IHIC welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with Purdue to realize the vision, goals and objectives articulated in the HITECH Act.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kent Barth  
Chairman of the Board, Indiana Health Informatics Corporation

